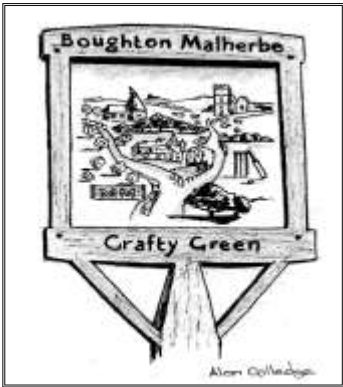


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01622 858937 (mfhitchins@btinternet.com) by **20th March**

Front Cover: Hellebores in bloom, a sign that spring is nearly here.

News from St. Nicholas Church

Prayer requests. Please leave any prayer requests in the porch at St. Nicholas.

Bible Study continues with a Lent Course prepared by Embrace. The sessions start on Thursday 7th March at 10.30am-12noon and continue each Thursday until April 11th at Weirton Villa, Grafty Green. Please contact Joan Drury on 01622 853766 for further details.

The Village Coffee Morning will be on Wednesday, March 13th, 10.30am -12noon in the Village Hall. We look forward to the usual chat and laughter over the homemade cakes and scones.

Lent lunches will begin also on Wednesday 13th March and continue each Wednesday from 12noon -2pm until 10th April.

13th March, the first lunch will be at the home of Vanessa Goodwin, The Old Rectory, Boughton Malherbe.

20th March will be at the home of Sylvia Close in Headcorn.

27th March will be at the home of Sally Alexander, Bowley Oast West, Bowley Lane.

For more information and directions if needed please call Vanessa 858372 or Sally 859549. All proceeds will be to support the worldwide work of Christian Aid.

Women's World Day of Prayer services will be at 10.30am in St. Mary's Church, Lenham, and at 7pm in All Saints Church, Ulcombe. The women of Slovenia have prepared the service this year, at which all are welcome.

Watch out for our **eco-spot** in next month's magazine!

Sally Alexander

Grafty Green Short Mat Bowls Club

New Members Always Welcome - Join Us

Every Tuesday at 2.00pm in the Village Hall, Gentle exercise, easy to learn, loan bowls available. Further information - Joan Marriott 01622 858100 or Robert Turner 01622 850325

Village Hall News

www.graftygreenvillagehall.co.uk

Come and join us at the Village Hall for ...

Pancake Day!

We invite you to drop in at the Hall any time between **4.45 and 6.45** on **Tuesday 5 March** for freshly cooked pancakes and a good old natter. For the fit ones, there will be a pancake **tossing competition** and **pancake races** to enliven the proceedings! So, it's natter, batter and - quite possibly - splatter!

There's no ticket to buy and no seat to reserve, just drift in at any time that suits you. It's a family affair, so all ages are welcome.

Savoury and sweet pancakes will be on offer and tea, coffee and cold drinks will be available. If you have a special filling that we might not have thought of, bring it along and we'll offer a discount from the standard price (which is only £2 anyway).

The aim is just to have a relaxed and fun couple of hours in good company.

Now, thanks to a very generous donation, The Village Hall has acquired a full size **table tennis** table. In time we hope to set up a club with regular meetings and competitions, but it will also be available for private use for a small fee in addition to the usual Hall hire fee. Watch out for details in next month's magazine. Exciting or what?!

Richard Pillborough,
Hall Committee Chairman

Boughton Malherbe Parish Council

The next Parish Council meeting will take place at 7.30pm in Grafty Green Village Hall on 12th March 2019.



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A message from your MP – Helen Whately

Many of you have told me you want politicians to get on with Brexit so the country can move forwards - but Parliament has been stuck. I want us to leave with a deal that frees us from the constraints of EU membership while maintaining strong trade links and cooperation in areas like security, healthcare and science. That's what the withdrawal agreement achieves and that's why I voted for it.

Though Parliament did not pass the Prime Minister's deal, it has since backed an amendment which requires the Government to change the Irish backstop. The Prime Minister now has a strong mandate to go back to Brussels and negotiate an alternative arrangement. This won't be easy, but no-deal would be bad for the EU as well as the UK, so they have every reason to compromise. Now we have to hold our nerve and make sure they do.

Brexit is the biggest challenge Britain faces at the moment, but I'm not letting it get in the way of my local campaigns. In this newsletter you can read updates on the new schools for Maidstone, investment in roads like Brenley Corner and Blue Bell Hill and protections for park home owners at Pilgrim's Retreat.

Rights for park home owners

People living at Pilgrim's Retreat have bought park homes believing they have rights as permanent residents, only to find that as 'leisure home' owners they are vulnerable to exploitative charges and intimidation. I asked Housing Minister Heather Wheeler to tackle mis-selling of park homes give leisure home owners more rights and protections.

What will happen to fruit pickers in a no-deal Brexit?

Farmers in Kent depend on migrant workers to pick and pack fruit. I asked the Immigration Minister what will happen to them in the event of a no-deal Brexit.

Uncertainty over immigration rules after 29th March if we leave the EU with no-deal is a worry for fruit farmers, who depend on seasonal migrant workers. I've been asking for reassurance on this and I was pleased when the Home Secretary announced that EEA citizens will be able to work in the UK for three months before they need to apply for temporary leave to remain. That's if we leave without a deal; with a deal workers will be able to come to the UK as they do now during the transition period - another reason we need a withdrawal agreement!

Government must upgrade Brenley Corner and Blue Bell Hill in time for Lower Thames Crossing

The Lower Thames Crossing should be a good thing for Kent, but it won't be if it just shunts traffic jams further south.

I brought together ten Kent MPs to write to Highways England warning that unless the motorways and local roads are upgraded before the crossing opens in 2027, there will be gridlock. Read the letter [here](#).

On the A2/M2 corridor, Brenley Corner is already busy and dangerous; with the Lower Thames Crossing, even more traffic is expected to use this junction.

I've been campaigning to get Brenley Corner rebuilt and Highways England have told me it's got a good chance of getting funding in the next roads strategy, but that might not be in time. The Lower Thames Crossing is due to open in 2027 so there's no time to waste: Brenley Corner must be ready.

There could be 25% more cars coming through Maidstone and double the number of lorries using Blue Bell Hill. Traffic around Maidstone is already at a standstill, and Blue Bell Hill is clearly not going to cope with this increase. The A249 is another well known accident black spot with queues at rush hour, and that will see more traffic too. The Government is investing in the Lower Thames Crossing, so I'm arguing they must invest in our local roads too.

Rethink on entrance to New schools off Bearsted Rd

Over 100 people packed out Grove Green Community Centre to hear about plans for two new schools. Almost everyone who spoke was worried about extra traffic, especially on Bearsted Rd.

We can't have traffic chaos, so I lobbied for the entrance to the schools to be moved to a more sensible place. I'm pleased the developer has listened, and I was able to reassure people that a new planning application with the entrance via the Kent Medical Campus, at the public meeting.

Maidstone desperately needs these new schools to be opened by 2020, otherwise there won't be enough school places for local children. Pupils with special needs already have to travel long distances every day, so having new schools nearby will make all the difference

Helen Whately

MP for Faversham and Mid Kent

I work for you. If you have a problem you think I can help you with, please contact me or visit me at one of my surgeries

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Further details from Sue Burch (British Wheel of Yoga Teacher) 01622 850381,
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Sue Burch

Guide Dogs My Guide Service

We are looking to recruit volunteers in the area to help support our My Guide service. My Guide is a free service that helps people with a vision impairment get out of their homes and into the community with a volunteer as their sighted guide.

My Guide fully trains you as a volunteer, to provide confident sighted guide assistance, on a regular basis, to people living with sight loss, to help them achieve their goals, such as:

- Accessing services in your community
- Gaining confidence on public transport
- Engaging with your local community

What will I get out of it?

- Make a life-changing difference to someone in need in your community
- An opportunity to build experience and knowledge of sight loss and develop your existing skills whilst doing something that you enjoy
- Help a charity do more while becoming a valued and integral part of the Guide Dogs team meeting with other Guide Dogs' volunteers.

If you can spare a couple of hours a week and would like to know more information contact the Guide Dogs team at Maidstone on **01189 838711** or email [**simon.cope@guidedogs.org.uk**](mailto:simon.cope@guidedogs.org.uk)

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Children's Room Beer Garden

Potential Lorry Park Threat

In July 2018, Highways England (HE) made contact with owners of a number of large parcels of land lying in Lenham and Boughton Malherbe requesting consent to carry out a series of ecological investigations as part of their 'information gathering' exercise along the M2 and M20 corridors in order to find solutions to Operation Stack. Whilst HE maintained that no sites or even specific solutions were under consideration, it was widely perceived that this was with a view to this land being considered as a potential for a massive lorry holding/ customs facility.

On 3rd December 2018, residents in areas/gardens surrounding the original sites received individual letters requesting consent to carry out further ecological surveys. No information has been issued stating what the scope of the project is. Historic England has confirmed that they have been engaged by HE and that Sandway is among the number of locations being considered. We live in a what is currently a conservation area which includes protected species, listed buildings and farmland. Local residents (including Platts Heath, Boughton Malherbe, Grafty Green) are so concerned regarding the devastating effect this will have on this area, including Lenham, that a public meeting was held in St Edmund's Platts Heath, 8th February to which HE, Helen Whately, MP, Shellina Prendergast Cllr were invited. HE were unable to send a representative at the last minute. Questions were asked for Helen Whately to take forward to government including:

- Concerns that this lorry park customs/bond point. What is being considered?
- There must be project plans and dates. What has the Minister for Transport told you the date will be for finishing their enquiries?
- Why Kent, when there are 40,000 movements in Ireland each year?
- There is a rumour that Border Force is going to put a full-time detention centre at the lorry park for immigration purposes. Again, what is under consideration?
- Could this park be redundant in 20yrs as a result of technological advances? What will it be used for if redundant?

This will have an impact on everyone. The area could well be blighted with uncertainty plus, if it goes ahead with noise and light pollution, fumes, and the devastation of the countryside. Is this what we want for ourselves, our children, our grandchildren? We must fight this.

A small group of representatives will be taking this forward to liaise with Helen Whately, KCC and to meet with Highways England.

If you are interested in wanting updates or joining to help in anyway, please contact us:
E-mail: protectsandway@gmail.com

Grafty Gourmet

This is a great winter dessert with a tropical twist, which will put you in touch with the warmer weather that is on its way soon.
Serve with either custard or ice cream !

Pineapple and Rum Crumble

800g of fresh pineapple, diced
50g of Demerara sugar
3 tablespoons of rum
½ teaspoon of freshly ground black pepper

For the Crumble:
200g plain flour
100g cold butter, cubed
100g caster sugar
1 tablespoon of ground ginger
A pinch of ground cinnamon

1. Heat the oven to 200C (180C fan). In a bowl, mix the pineapple, sugar, rum and black pepper, then transfer to a large oven dish. Press the mixture down into the base, making sure there is room for the crumble topping to go on top later. Bake for 10 to 15 mins.

2. Meanwhile, to make the crumble topping, rub the flour, butter, sugar, ginger and cinnamon in a bowl with your fingers until a breadcrumb-like consistency.

3. Once the pineapple has cooked, remove from the oven and carefully mix with a spoon so any liquid is evenly distributed. Sprinkle over the crumble topping and return to the oven for 20 mins or until golden and crunchy. Serve with custard.

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**Village Fete 2019
Mad Hatter's Tea Party – 31st August**

There are plans hatching for the summer fete and I am asking if you would like to contribute your thoughts on the theme 'Mad Hatter's Tea Party'. We are looking for creative ideas to give a magical feel to the event so if you would like to let me have your thoughts I would be really grateful. This is also an opportunity to use your skills and talents

Running a stall or game on the day is another way of being involved and having fun; we need you!

You might have some contacts that would benefit from being part of the attractions (stall holders or entertainment); let me know. I look forward to hearing from you - Sue Burch 850381 or email burch1997@aol.com

Grafty Green Gardening Club

The gardening club generally meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7.30 pm in the village hall for talks. Membership is £5 for the year which entitles members to a reduced fee when attending meetings; take advantage of subsidised coach outings (excluding weekend away) and club members will be entitled to discounts at Rumwood Nursery and The Potted Garden.

Programme 2019

Date	Speaker and talk or venue for outing
January 8	AGM and Linda Ford - Sandown Castle community garden
February 5	Tim Ingrams - Snowdrops
March 5	Maureen Rainey Kent Wildlife Trust- Wild about Gardens
April 2	Spring Show, - Jean and Brian Waterman, Wild flowers of Kent
May 4	Plant Sale - village green if weather fine 10 am.
May 7	Outing - Warren Street House
June 4	Outing -Hucking, Sue Blacker- Peonies
June 6 - 9	Weekend, <u>Thurs</u> ; Ulting Wick, <u>Fri</u> , East Ruston Old Vicarage and Fairhaven Woodland and Water Garden, <u>Sat</u> . Oxburgh Hall and a seaside visit for tea. <u>Sun</u> . Harvey's Nursery, Bury St. Edmunds and Fullers Mill Garden.
July 2	Outing - Pheasant Barn, Oare
Aug 3	Coach trip Nymans and High Beeches (lunch at Nymans)
Sept 3	Autumn Show, Mr. Raggett, Hambury's Gardens.
Oct 1	Sue Shaw - Travels in Peru
Nov 5	Andrew - Hops
Dec 3	Coach trip to Wisley for Christmas lights leaving GG at 2pm

On March 5th Maureen Rainey of the Kent Wildlife Trust will give a talk entitled 'Wild about Gardens'.

Some of us will take advantage of a freshly cooked pancake event which immediately precedes our meeting 4.45 - 6.45!

It is not too early to add your name to the list for the Weekend Away event which this year will be in Norfolk June 6 - 9th. We will be staying at the Burlington Palm Court Hotel on the seafront at Great Yarmouth. (More details of gardens we will be visiting are on the sign up sheet).

Tip off the Month - Many plants can be grown in containers: small trees, shrubs and climbers, herbaceous perennials, annuals, alpine and ground cover plants. The only real rule is to look after the plants well, by watering, feeding and deadheading regularly. Using slow-release fertilisers and water-retentive crystals can save some work through the year. If you have not already done so it is not too early to start mowing the lawn with the blades set high.

Carole Frost - Secretary - Grafty Green Gardening Club



Len Valley Health Walks

During the 43 weeks we walked in 2018, on Wednesday afternoons, Thursday mornings, Saturday mornings and the second Monday monthly, our walk leaders led a total of 182 walks, enjoyed by 1,864 walkers, walking in 23 different locations and covering approximately 548 miles. Included in these figures is the successful Sunday full day walk, along the cliffs at Dover to St Margaret's Bay, which we did in the summer. So a very big thank you to all our walk leaders, who do this on a purely voluntary basis.

We started 2019 with a New Year's Day circular walk, from the Hook and Hatchet pub at Hucking, through the lovely Hucking Estate. Our Saturday walks started on 5th January and the second Monday monthly walks also started in January. The Thursday walks commenced on 21 February and the Wednesday walks the following week.

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If you would like to join our walking group, or require more information, please contact Jan Enever on 01622 851623. Happy walking!

Should you delete your Browsing History?

You've probably noticed that when you visit a website you normally get a pop up saying that site uses Cookies and shows a Cookie Policy, but what are Cookies? Cookies or Browser Cookies are small files which are stored on your computer. They are designed to hold data specific to a particular client and website. Cookies build up alongside your browsing history causing your computer to slow down.

So what can you do?

Choose what history you delete. Browsers allow you to automatically schedule the deletion of your history, where it can either delete content every week to every month. This will allow you to free up space on your computer and stop it from slowing down.

Be careful what you delete. You don't have to delete everything, particularly if you rely on your machine to save your passwords. You can choose not to delete this if you wish.

Think about whether you wish to clear cookies. Whilst they are tracking your web activity, they can be useful.

To clear your browser history:

- Open your browser
- Locate the Setting options (use search or help)
- Find Clear browsing history/data
- Select what you would like to clear

This example is for Google Chrome, found in advance settings/privacy



Top 4 reasons to delete your cookies

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4. **They store personal information about you** – Cookies remember the sites you visit and the purchases you make and advertisers (and hackers) can use this information to their advantage. So to improve your privacy, it's best to delete them regularly.

If you need any help, please visit the Egerton Telecottage on Saturday morning between 10am and 12noon <http://www.egerton-kent.co.uk/telecottage>. Advice is free and there is always someone there it help you. If you would like any topics covered in this magazine please email me at carolhulm@gmail.com

March Music Notes

Some real quality concerts this month, several with religious overtones as it is Lent and Easter approaches. Here then is the list:

- Saturday 2nd March, 7.30pm at St.Nicholas Church, 25 Poplar Grove, Allington ME16 0DE. Maidstone Wind Symphony present an evening of chamber music. Tickets <https://www.maidstonewindsymphony.org> or at the door.
- Also on 2nd March at 7.30pm, but at Rochester Cathedral, Sutton Valence Choral Society sing Handel's *Messiah*. Tickets 01622 861313.
- Friday 22nd March, 7.30pm at Sutton Valence School, the chamber concert produced by Sutton Valence Music Society features the Solem Quartet, playing quartets by Beethoven, Bartok and Schumann. Tickets at the door for non-members.
- Saturday 23rd March, 7.30pm at Mote Hall, Maidstone, ME15 7RN Maidstone Symphony Orchestra's concert includes Brahms *Symphony No.2* and violin soloist Benjamin Baker performing Tchaikovsky's *Violin Concerto*. Tickets 07817 429143 or at the door.
- Saturday 30th March, 7.30 pm at St Margaret's Church, Rainham, Kent, ME8 8AN, Bearsted Choral Society's concert includes Haydn's *St. Nicholas Mass* and Vivaldi's *Gloria*. Tickets 0333 6663366

Another item from the musicians' alphabet:

F is for French Horn. The French Horn is actually German and not to be confused with the English Horn which is French.

Brian Hardy

Boughton Malherbe Parish Council

There is a useful addition to the Boughton Malherbe Parish Council Website comprising a "**Household Emergency Plan**" document published by the Kent Resilience Forum.

It is a simple advice form that you may wish to print off and complete by filling in the boxes with the suggested information and keeping it in a safe but easily remembered place to use if you suffer an emergency. You will find it under the main heading "**Police/Fire/Wardens**", drop down heading "**Emergency Plan**"



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Our new two-for-one lunch menu has launched! It's a three course set menu costing £25. View a sample menu on our website. Valid until the end of March, Mon - Thurs, 12-3pm only. Excludes Valentine's Day.

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1	Shaving	Image	Wing	Mirror
2	Wagon	Master	Space	
3	Keeper	Proud	Light	
4	Combination	Jaw	Wed	
5	Bitter	Potato	Shop	
6	Control	Block	Ivory	
7	Gooseberry	Hardy	Proof	
8	Reaction	Smoker	Saw	
9	Shooting	Press	Art	
10	Capital	Begging	Box	
11	Landing	Comic	Tease	
12	Politics	Search	Piece	
13	Sliding	Model	Full	
14	Language	Affairs	Body	
15	Possum	Cards	Field	
16	Short	Clear	Far	

	Find the missing word?
1	_____ Ballet, Had chart topping hit including 'True' & 'Gold'
2	George _____, Ukulele player who sang 'When I'm Cleaning Windows'
3	_____ Jerry, Whose biggest hit in 1976 was 'In The Summertime'
4	Kurt _____, Fronted Seattle band Nirvana
5	_____ Dee, Duet with Elton John in 1976 with 'Don't Go Breaking My Heart'
6	The _____, Dance popularised by Chubby Checker in the 60's
7	'When I _____ In Love', A Ballard recorded by Nat King Cole
8	_____ Cardle, Artist who had a No 1 after winning X Factor in 2010
9	Eartha _____, Purring Santa baby vocalist
10	_____ Allen Zimmerman, Influential singer song writer know as Bob Dylan

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Full English

St Mary's Church Lenham will host a full English breakfast on Saturday March 30th from 10am to 1pm. A continental breakfast will also be available. Dick Russell chef of the Fish Restaurant has kindly agreed to be responsible for the cooking. The object of the event is to raise money for the work of **CHRISTIAN AID**. Come along and enjoy the food and please make a donation.

Gifts of food – sausages/eggs/tomatoes/fruit juice would be appreciated. Jan smith and her friends are masterminding this event. Contact Jan by email ling.50@live.com for more information.

Tough Times

Helen Cooke will tackle the problem of tough times at the next Focus on Faith event in Ryarsh Village Hall on Wednesday March 20th from 9.15am to 2.15pm. Ring Joan Drury on 01622 853766 to find out more and/or arrange to attend.



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There are 6 sessions and these will be discussed by the Weirton Villa (01622 853766) Bible study group at 10.30am on Thursdays March 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th and April 4th and 11th. Kay Noyce will lead the first session, **Preparing the Ground**.

Do join us. You will be very welcome.

Joan Drury

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Christian Message March 2019 by Millie Hart

There are many joys in being a parent, and for me in recent years, a grandparent! When I consider what brings purpose and meaning to my life I have found that it is the privilege of being able to comfort one of my children when they are in distress. One

moment there is a sobbing, hysterical child in front of you but a few moments later that same child is laughing and smiling again. This is simply because of a mother or father's words of reassurance. We say, "let's kiss it better" and it works!

We have a God who loves us more than the most devoted parent. Our God grieves when we grieve and suffers when we suffer.

As we hold on to that picture of a child embraced by that parent, I pray that we may know the embrace of the God who just longs to encircle us in his arms. Whatever we face he promises always to be there to bring us comfort. The world experiences so much pain. There are hurts, troubles, anxieties, fears all around us, both our own and the pain of the world.

We might be struggling with sorrow and suffering, we might be experiencing hopes dashed, dreams broken, we may have been let down, betrayed, abused or battling with depression and illness, we might be mourning the loss of a loved one but we can ask God to "kiss it better."

My prayer is that you may know that God is always there to bring you comfort. In the words of the Apostle Paul, *Glory be to the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our suffering so that we can comfort those experiencing any kind of suffering with the comfort God has given us. (2 Corinthians 1:3-4).*

Gracious God, when tears are my food and when my heart is breaking. Let me know your assurance and your love as you reach out to me. Help me to know that joy can come again. Amen.

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Sunday/Main Services – March 2019

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Friday 1st March

10.30am Lenham: World Day of
Prayer Service

7.00pm Ulcombe: World Day of
Prayer Service

Sunday 3rd March

9.30am Lenham: Breakfast service
followed by informal Holy Communion

9.30am Boughton Malherbe: Holy
Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

11.00am Ulcombe: Family Worship

11.00am Lenham: Holy Communion

3.30pm Harrietsham: GIFT family
worship (followed by optional Holy
Communion)

Wednesday 6th March

9.30am Lenham: Holy Communion
with Ashing

7.00pm Ulcombe: Service of Ashing

Sunday 10th March

8.00am Lenham: Holy Communion
(Book of Common Prayer)

9.30am Lenham: Breakfast Service
9.30 am Harrietsham: Holy
Communion

11.00am Ulcombe: Holy
Communion

11.00am Lenham: Morning Worship

3.30pm Boughton Malherbe:
Evensong

Sunday 17th March

9.30am Lenham: Breakfast Service

9.30am Harrietsham: Morning
Worship

9.30am Boughton Malherbe: Holy
Communion

11.00am Ulcombe: Morning Worship

11.00am Lenham: Holy Communion

5.00pm Harrietsham: Taize Service

Wednesday 20th March

11.00am Chippendayle Lodge

Sunday 24th March

8.00am Lenham: Holy Communion
(Book of Common Prayer)

9.30am Harrietsham: Holy
Communion

9.30am Boughton Malherbe: An
Informal Service

9.30am Lenham: The Big Breakfast
Service

11.00am Ulcombe: Holy Communion

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Answers to the Quiz and Missing Word Puzzle

	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
1	Shaving	Image	Wing	Mirror
2	Wagon	Master	Space	Station
3	Keeper	Proud	Light	House
4	Combination	Jaw	Wed	Lock
5	Bitter	Potato	Shop	Sweet
6	Control	Block	Ivory	Tower
7	Gooseberry	Hardy	Proof	Fool
8	Reaction	Smoker	Saw	Chain
9	Shooting	Press	Art	Gallery
10	Capital	Begging	Box	Letter
11	Landing	Comic	Tease	Strip
12	Politics	Search	Piece	Party
13	Sliding	Model	Full	Scale
14	Language	Affairs	Body	Foreign
15	Possum	Cards	Field	Playing
16	Short	Clear	Far	Sighted

	Find the missing word?
1	Spandau Ballet , Had chart topping hit including 'True' & 'Gold'
2	George Formby , Ukulele player who sang 'When I'm Cleaning Windows'
3	Mungo Jerry , Whose biggest hit in 1976 was 'In The Summertime'
4	Kurt Cobain , Fronted Seattle band Nirvana
5	Kiki Dee , Duet with Elton John in 1976 with 'Don't Go Breaking My Heart'
6	The Twist , Dance popularised by Chubby Checker in the 60's
7	'When I Fall In Love', A Ballard recorded by Nat King Cole
8	Matt Cardle , Artist who had a No 1 after winning X Factor in 2010
9	Eartha Kitt , Purring santa baby vocalist
10	Robert Allen Zimmerman , Influential singer song writer know as Bob Dylan

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